**Misappropriation of money by an employee of Bandia Khopa Post Office in Himachal Pradesh**

1657. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a clerk in charge of deposits at Bandia Khopa Post Office, Tehsil Baij Nath, District Kangra (Himachal Pradesh) has run away with a lakh of depositors' money;

(b) if so, what are the detalis; and

(c) steps being taken to pay the amount to depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Shri Ashwani Kumar, Extra Departmental Sub Postmaster Bandia Khopa Post Office, is absconding after misappropriating Rs. 16,276.60 and not rupees one lakh.

(b) Details of defrauded amount are as under:

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| Government cash | : | 8876.60 |
| SB/NSC deposits | : | 7500.00 |
| Total | | 16276.60 |

(c) Claim papers from affected depositors have been obtained.

**मंत्रियों द्वारा विदेशों का दौरा**

1658. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जून, 1990 के महीने के दौरान केन्द्रीय मंत्रिपरिषद् के कितने मंत्री विदेशों दौरे पर गये; और

(ख) प्रत्येक मंत्री के विदेशी दौरे पर जाने के उद्देश्य क्या-क्या थे और उन पर कितना-कितना व्यय हुआ?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय)** : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

**Highway between Jammu and Kishtwar**

1659. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that National Highway No. 1 running from Jammu to Kishtwar, etc. is in a bad condition particularly beyond the town of Batot and looking to its strategic importance what immediate steps would be taken to properly repair the road and arrange for its regular maintenance; and

(b) the total amount spent by the centre on its construction and repair so far?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The road from Jammu to Batote is part of National Highway I A which is existing since 1947. It is being maintained regularly and kept in a traffic-worthy condition.

Batote to Kishtwar road was declared National Highway IB in May, 1977. An expenditure of Rs. 37.18 crores on construction/improvement and Rs 8.33 crores for maintenance has been incurred upto March' 90 and road is being regularly maintained in a traffic-worthy condition.

**Stockpiling of lethal weapons in Kota, Rajasthan**

1660. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intelligence Bureau has failed in checking the stockpiling of lethal weapons in different places